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Multiple Service Providers, Having a

Portal, Collaborative Applications, and

a Directory Service

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed November 22, 2006, please amend the instant application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

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